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*A.*—In the case of trunk roads the Government have prescribed a width of 46 to 64 feet between the side drains. In the darkhast rules (Board's Standing Order No. 15) it is laid down that where a road runs through the land darkhasted for, a width of at least one chain should be set apart for the road. The Government have no further information.

*Annual income to the Bandar taluk board and formation of pits by the side of public roads.*

318 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: With reference to the answers to my questions Nos. 2 and 263 put by me at the meeting of the Council held in September, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to call for the information required and to publish the same?

*A.*—The hon. Member can obtain the information from the local bodies responsible.

*Receipts from tolls on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.*

319 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount realised by the Masulipatam municipality on all its toll-gates during the last year and the current year;

(*b*) the amount realised from the toll-gate placed on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road during the said period; and

(*c*) the amount, if any, paid by the Masulipatam municipality during the last two years out of the receipts of the said toll-gate either to the Bandar taluk board or to the district board?

*A.*—(*a*) The total gross toll income of the Masulipatam municipality in 1921–22 was Rs. 13,511. The council expects an income of Rs. 21,000 in 1922–23.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information. The municipal council contributes to the district board 25 per cent of its net income from tolls from all the toll-gates.

*Toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road.*

320 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is only one toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road running over 20 miles, which is located in the municipal limits of Masulipatam and the receipts of which are always appropriated by the said municipality?

*A.*—There is no toll-gate on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road outside the limits of the Masulipatam municipality. The Masulipatam municipal council contributes to the Kistna district board one-fourth of its net income from all its toll-gates.

*The municipality of Masulipatam.*

321 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the district board of Kistna or the taluk board of Bandar have ever made any proposal

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to the municipality of Masulipatam to allot a portion of the receipts derived from the toll-gate placed on the Masulipatam-Challapalli road for its maintenance in consideration of the long distance of the road measuring 20 miles over which the vehicle traffic is carried on as against 2 or 3 miles of the road in Masulipatam municipal limits over which the same traffic passes?

*A.*—The Government have no information.

*Nomination of members by the president of the Bandar taluk board.*

322 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the president of the Bandar taluk board nominated persons who were defeated in the elections, and if so, their names and occupation;

(*b*) whether one of the members so nominated is a suspended village munsif and is also a person convicted by a divisional magistrate;

(*c*) whether the Government will discourage such nominations in future; and

(*d*) whether the said suspended and convicted village munsif is still allowed to sit in the taluk board meetings?

*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that any instruction is necessary in the matter. The hon. Member's attention is invited to section 55 (1) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

*Income from the sale of Government lankas in Divi taluk, Kistna district.*

323 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: With reference to the answer to my question No. 4, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for the information wanted and to publish the same?

*A.*—An extent of 674·78 acres of Government lanka and padugai land was sold in the Divi taluk for fasli 1332, for an annual rental of Rs. 15,280.

*Income from toddy sales in Divi taluk, Kistna district.*

324 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state what income is derived from toddy sales in the taluk of Divi, Kistna district, in the current year, i.e., 1922–23?

*A.*—The Government are not yet in possession of the information.

*Expense incurred for surveying unions.*

325 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: With reference to the answer to my question No. 140 regarding the survey of unions and their cost, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to furnish information as to the expense incurred for surveying each union?

*A.*—The Government are not in possession of the information. The average cost of the survey of a union is, however, roughly estimated at Rs. 180 per mile.